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Annotations

Item 1
Opening of the session

The twenty-eighth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General.

Item 2
Solemn declaration by the new members of the Committee

According to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the Committee, new members of the Committee shall make the solemn declaration contained in that rule.

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Item 3
Election of officers

The Committee shall elect a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur for a term of two years, according to article 19 of the Convention and rules 16 and 17 of the Committee's rules of procedure. The term of office of the officers elected by the Committee at its twenty-eighth session, on 13 January 2003, will expire on 31 December 2004. Under rule 20 of the Committee's rules of procedure, if any of the officers of the Committee ceases to serve or declares her or his inability to continue serving as a member of the Committee or for any reason is no longer able to act as an officer, a new officer from the same region shall be elected for the unexpired term of her or his predecessor.

Item 4
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Rule 9 of the rules of procedure provides that the first substantive item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. Rule 7 provides that the provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson, in conformity with the relevant provisions of articles 17 to 22 of the Convention.

At its twenty-seventh session the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its twenty-eighth session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/2003/I/1)

Item 5
Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the exceptional and twenty-eighth sessions of the Committee

Under this item, the Chairperson will brief the Committee on activities and events occurring since the previous session that had a bearing on the Committee's work.

Item 6
Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 18 of the Convention provides that States parties to the Convention shall undertake to submit to the Secretary-General, for consideration by the Committee, a report on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures that they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Convention and other progress made in this respect. Reports are to be submitted within one year after the entry into force of the Convention for the State concerned and thereafter at least every four years and further whenever the Committee requests.

At its twenty-seventh session, the Committee, taking into account the criteria of preference to be given to those States parties whose reports had been pending for the longest time, the need to give priority to initial reports and the desirability of balance of reports in terms of geographic and other factors, decided to invite eight States parties to present their reports. Eight States parties agreed to this request.

At its twenty-eighth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the combined initial and second periodic report of Albania (CEDAW/C/ALB/1-2), the combined initial and second periodic report of Switzerland (CEDAW/C/CHE/1-2 and Add.1), the combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of the Republic of the Congo (CEDAW/C/COG/1-5), the combined third and fourth periodic report of Kenya (CEDAW/C/KEN/3-4), the combined third and fourth periodic report and the fifth and sixth periodic reports of El Salvador (CEDAW/C/SLV/3-4, CEDAW/C/SLV/5 and CEDAW/C/SLV/6), the fourth periodic report of Luxembourg (CEDAW/C/LUX/4), the fifth periodic report of Canada (CEDAW/C/CAN/5) and the fifth and sixth periodic reports of Norway (CEDAW/C/NOR/5 and CEDAW/C/NOR/6).

Rule 51 of the rules of procedure provides that representatives of a State party shall be present at meetings of the Committee when the report of the State is being examined and shall participate in discussions and answer questions concerning the reports. The Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its twenty-eighth session.

Rule 49 of the rules of procedure provides that at each session the Secretary-General shall notify the Committee of non-receipt of any report required from a State party under article 18 of the Convention. The Secretary-General also provides the Committee with a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention that have not yet been considered by the Committee. At its twenty-eighth session the Committee will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the submission of the reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention (CEDAW/C/2003/I/2).

A pre-session working group of the Committee is convened before each session to prepare a list of issues and questions relating to periodic reports for transmission to the representatives of States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-session working group for the twenty-eighth session met in New York from 24 to 28 June 2002. The report of the pre-session working group and the responses of States parties to the lists of issues and questions drawn up by the pre-session working group will be before the Committee (CEDAW/PSWG/2003/I/CRP.1 and 2 and addenda).

Documentation

Combined initial and second periodic report of Albania (CEDAW/C/ALB/1-2)

Combined initial and second periodic report of Switzerland (CEDAW/C/CHE/1-2 and Add.1)

Combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of the Republic of the Congo (CEDAW/C/COG/1-5)

Combined third and fourth periodic report of Kenya (CEDAW/C/KEN/3-4)

Combined third and fourth periodic report and fifth and sixth periodic reports of El Salvador (CEDAW/C/SLV/3-4, CEDAW/C/SLV/5 and CEDAW/C/SLV/6)

Fourth periodic report of Luxembourg (CEDAW/C/LUX/4)

Fifth periodic report of Canada (CEDAW/C/CAN/5)

Fifth and sixth periodic reports of Norway (CEDAW/C/NOR/5 and CEDAW/C/NOR/6)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2003/I/CRP.1 and Add.1 (Kenya), Add.2 (El Salvador), Add.3 (Luxembourg), Add.4 (Canada) and Add.5 (Norway))

Responses to list of issues (CEDAW/PSWG/2003/I/CRP.2 (Kenya) and Add.1 (El Salvador), Add.2 (Luxembourg), Add.3 (Canada) and Add.4 (Norway))

Item 7
Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 21 of the Convention provides that the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of the reports and information received from States parties. It also provides that such suggestions and general recommendations shall be included in the report of the Committee together with comments, if any, from States parties.

Under this agenda item, the Committee provides opportunities for specialists from the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies to present to the Committee, in plenary, information related to specific articles of the Convention or to issues being considered for general recommendations and suggestions.

Article 22 of the Convention provides that the specialized agencies shall be entitled to be represented during the consideration of the implementation of such provisions of the Convention as fall within the scope of their activities and that the Committee may invite the specialized agencies to submit reports on the implementation of the Convention in those areas. At its twenty-eighth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2003/I/3 and addenda).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities (CEDAW/C/2003/I/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2003/I/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2003/I/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2003/I/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2003/I/3/Add.4)

Item 8
Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee

Before each session the Secretariat prepares a pre-session report on ways and means of improving the work of the Committee, containing information provided by the Secretariat, comments made by members of the Committee or information on developments elsewhere in the human rights regime (CEDAW/C/2003/I/4).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee (CEDAW/C/2003/I/4)

Item 9
Provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session

At its tenth session, the Committee decided that the draft provisional agenda for the following session of the Committee would be approved at the end of each session.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the Committee.

Item 10
Adoption of the report of the Committee on its twenty-eighth session

Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Monday, 13 January 2003		
589th meeting		
10 a.m.	**Item 1**	**Opening of the session**
	Item 2	**Solemn declaration by the new members of the Committee**
	Item 3	**Election of officers**
	Item 4	**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**
	Item 5	**Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the exceptional and twenty-eighth sessions of the Committee**
	Item 7	**Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**: introductory statement
	Item 8	**Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee**: introductory statement
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)		Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies
3-6 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
Tuesday, 14 January 2003		
590th meeting		
	Item 6	**Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention**
10-10.30 a.m. (closed)		Switzerland, combined initial and second periodic report (CEDAW/C/CHE/1-2 and Add.1)
10.30-11.15 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
11.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
591st meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Switzerland (continued)
(closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 15 January 2003		
592nd meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Kenya, combined third and fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/KEN/3-4)

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
593rd meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Kenya (continued)
(closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 16 January 2003		
594th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m. (closed)	**Item 6** (continued)	Albania, combined initial and second periodic report (CEDAW/C/ALB/1-2)
10.30-11.15 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
11.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
595th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Albania (continued)
(closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 17 January 2003		
596th meeting		
10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Replies (Switzerland)
(closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3-6 p.m. (closed)	**Item 8** (continued)	Informal meeting with the Chairperson of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing
Monday, 20 January 2003		
597th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Norway, fifth and sixth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/NOR/5 and CEDAW/C/NOR/6)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
598th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Norway (continued)
(closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Tuesday, 21 January 2003		
599th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	El Salvador, combined third and fourth periodic report and fifth and sixth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/SLV/3-4, CEDAW/C/SLV/5 and CEDAW/C/SLV/6)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
600th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	El Salvador (continued)
(closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 22 January 2003		
601st meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Luxembourg, fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/LUX/4)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
602nd meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Luxembourg (continued)
(closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 23 January 2003		
603rd meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Canada, fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/CAN/5)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
604th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Canada (continued)
(closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 24 January 2003		
605th meeting		
10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Replies (Albania)

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
(closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Monday, 27 January 2003		
606th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m. (closed)	**Item 6** (continued)	Republic of the Congo, combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/COG/1-5, and Add.1)
10.30-11.15 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
11.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
607th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Republic of the Congo (continued)
(closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 28 January 2003		
10 a.m. (closed)	**Item 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
		Meeting with States that are not parties
3 p.m. (closed)	**Item 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 29 January 2003		
10 a.m. (closed)	**Item 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
608th meeting		
3-5.30 p.m.	**Item 6** (continued)	Replies (Republic of the Congo)
(closed)	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 30 January 2003		
10 a.m. (closed)	**Item 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m. (closed)	**Item 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 31 January 2003		
10 a.m. (closed)	**Item 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
609th meeting		
3 p.m.	**Items 7 and 8** (continued)	Adoption of the reports of Working Groups I and II
	Item 9	**Provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session**
	Item 10	**Adoption of the report of the Committee on its twenty-eighth session**